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UNIONS IN BSNL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for its recognition and details of the unions recognized in BSNL;

(b) whether there is any proposal to recognize more unions in BSNL; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a) A union which gets majority votes subject to a minimum of 15% votes in the membership verification (election), is entitled for recognition at All India/Circle/Secondary Switching Area (SSA) levelsIn addition a union which gets 50% or more votes at the circle level has the right to deal with the matters of purely local interest at circle/SSA level.

In the membership verification (elections) held on 25.09.2002 through secret ballot, the National Federation of Telecom Employees BSNL has emerged as the majority union which has been duly recognized as such.In addition, the BSNL Employees Union who have got 50% or more votes in nine circles, has been given the right to deal with the matters of purely local interest in these circles at Circle/SSA level. However, the case regarding recognition of Unions in BSNL is presently sub-judice.

(b) No, Sir. However, the case is presently sub-judice.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.